

REMARKS

Time Extension

The Applicant hereby petitions for a three months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The appropriate extension fee for a small-entity is \$475.00 (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3)). The fee is enclosed herewith. A separate paper petitioning for extension of time is submitted together with this Amendment. This communication is therefore timely.

Previously Presented Claims

The Final Office Action rejected claims 1-40 of the Application as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,558,339 to Perlman (“Perlman”), either alone or in combination with U.S. Patent No. 5,273,288 to Teshima *et al.* (“Teshima”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,231,441 to Golad (“Golad”). In the previously filed Response to the Final Office Action, we presented several arguments why, we believe, Perlman does not render these claims unpatentable. In particular, we argued that Perlman not merely fails to teach displaying telephone numbers, but in fact requires that telephone numbers not be displayed. See, for example, the following statements made by Perlman:

1. “For reasons of privacy, many users would not want to publish their phone numbers.” Perlman, at col. 3, lines 41-43.
2. “Notably, this phone number is kept internally within computer 65. It is not displayed nor made accessible to User A. This is an important privacy consideration.” Perlman col. 12, lines 14-17.

3. “Although the phone number of User B is transferred to the computer of User A during step 7, the phone number of User B is not made available to User A.” Perlman col. 13, lines 29-31.

We have also argued that Perlman does not teach the speakerphone limitation present in claims 7, 16, 25, and 34. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner responded that Perlman’s teaching of a “conference call does not preclude the use of a speakerphone.” The issue, however, is not whether Perlman’s teaching precludes the speakerphone limitation, but whether Perlman affirmatively teaches this limitation. Perlman does not.

Rather than repeat the arguments already made, we respectfully request that the Examiner grant a telephone interview to allow us to elucidate these arguments, and then reconsider the rejections.

New Claims

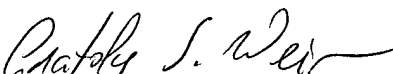
Claims 60-67 have been added to claim additional aspects of the invention.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant and his attorneys respectfully request a telephone interview prior to issuance of the first Office action in the continued examination. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431 at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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